

CHOIRS

Cherub Choir (Grades K & 1) Rehearsal: Wednesdays 5:00 pm

A musical experience for kindergartners and first graders, this is the first step in the Shepherd of the Valley choir program. Cherub Choir members learn basic music fundamentals and begin the art of creating a beautiful singing tone. All learning and singing take place in a fun and relaxed environment. The Cherub Choir will perform at Sunday worship once a month and on special occasions such as Christmas and Easter.

Contact: Maggi Arndt - [email](#)

Celebration Choir (Grades 2-5) Rehearsal: Wednesdays 4:30 pm

A choir just for the intermediate age singer. Second through fifth graders use their musical knowledge to begin part-singing. These advanced singers utilize their musical gifts in a variety of different ways throughout the choir year. There are also solo opportunities. The Celebration Choir performs at Sunday worship once a month and on special occasions such as Christmas and Easter.

Contact: Maggi Arndt - [email](#)

NexGen (Grades 6-12) Rehearsal: Wednesdays 6:15 pm

Wednesdays are opportunities for youth in the Confirmation Program to help lead worship, have fellowship, and go out to do service projects together. NexGen is a singing group for middle & high school age kids! This praise team serves as a unique opportunity for young adolescents to create and build relationships with their peers and their church. The NexGen Band supports singers with guitar, bass, drums, and other instrumental accompaniment.

Contact Shawn Vaughan at 952.985.7322 or [email](#).

Senior Choir (Grade 9-Adults) Rehearsal: Wednesdays 7:15 pm

This large ensemble performs twice a month at Sunday morning worship, and once a month at Saturday evening worship. No audition is necessary - the only requirement is a love for singing with a group of fun people!

Contact Mark Ertl at 952.985.7320 or [email](#).

Sounds of Praise (Adults)

Openings in this ensemble are filled by audition. Sounds of Praise is a contemporary music group made up of adult instrumentalists and vocalists. Sounds of Praise leads worship once a month and holidays including Christmas and Easter.

Contact Mark Ertl at 952.985.7320 or [email](#).

HANDBELLS

Chapel Chimers (Grades K-3)

Rehearsal: Wednesdays 4:30 pm

An introduction to the art of ringing! Chapel Chimers is divided into Kindergarten and 1st graders, and 2nd and 3rd graders. We learn the basics of handchime ringing and some fun songs. Chapel Chimers rings regularly at church services and also in concerts throughout the school year.

Contact Bonnie Tranby at 651.485.8881 or [email](#).

Grace Notes (Grades 2-5)

Rehearsal: Wednesdays 5:00 pm

We learn the basics of ringing handbells, using two bells, and learning great music. Grace Notes rings at concerts and church services throughout the school year.

Contact Bonnie Tranby at 651.485.8881 or [email](#).

Valley Vibrations (Grades 6-12)

Rehearsal: Wednesdays 5:30 pm

Valley Vibrations is a handbell choir for 6th-12th graders. The repertoire for this group is more challenging than that of the Grace Notes. Valley Vibrations rings at concerts and church services throughout the school year.

Contact Bonnie Tranby at 651.485.8881 or [email](#).

Bells of St. Andrew (Adults)

Rehearsal: Thursdays 7:15 pm

Bells of St. Andrew is an adult handbell ensemble who ring the 5-octave set Malmark handbells and 4 octaves of Choirchimes. This is an advanced group for experienced ringers. Bells of St. Andrew rehearses weekly and performs at worship once per month and during special church holidays.

Contact Alanna Teragawa at 952.985.7332 or [email](#).

BANDS & ENSEMBLES

NexGen High School Worship Band (Grades 9-12)

Rehearsal: Wednesdays 5:45 pm, Lead worship Wednesdays 7:00 pm

Do you play an instrument or love to sing, and want to grow skills in leading worship? This High School Worship Band leads worship several times each month at The Gathering, a place of grace open to all high school students. Contact Shawn Vaughan at 952.985.7322 or [email](#).

Weekend Worship Band (Grade 9-Adults)

Rehearsal: Sundays 9:45 am

Join a once-a-month rotation to provide energetic and dynamic praise music at our Band-Led Worship on Sundays at 11:00 am. The band focuses on tight rhythms, soaring guitars, and rich harmonies. But most of all, the band seeks to create opportunities to experience God's presence through music and worship.

Contact Shawn Vaughan at 952.985.7322 or [email](#).

Brass Ensemble (Grade 9-Adults) Rehearsal: Sundays 7:00 pm

The Brass Ensemble accompanies hymns and provides prelude, offertory, or postlude pieces for worship once a month from September through May. The ensemble performs on special church holidays including Christmas Eve and Easter. Quintets and quartets may perform alongside the full ensemble on occasion. Instrumentation for the Brass Ensemble includes trumpet, horn, trombone, euphonium, and tuba.

Contact: Jim Jordan - [email](#)

Wind Ensemble (Grade 9-Adults) Rehearsal: Sundays 6:00 pm

The Wind Ensemble provides special music for offerings and accompanies hymns every other month from October until May. Instrumentation for the Wind Ensemble may include any brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument.

Contact: Bill Spurlock - [email](#)

Flute Ensemble (Grade 9-Adults) Rehearsal: Sundays 7:00 pm

The Flute Ensemble plays occasionally throughout the year at worship services.

Contact: Bill Spurlock - [email](#)

Solos & Ensembles (All ages)

There are many opportunities for vocal soloists, instrumental soloists, and small ensembles to provide special music during worship services.

Assistance in finding and picking out music is available.

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